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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 27, 2001 (Paper No. 7), the Applicant hereby elects Species I, corresponding to drawing Figure 4b. The Applicant notes, however, that the Examiner believes that at this time no claims were generic between both of the two listed species. However, the Applicant believes that Claims 33, 34, 38, 39, 42, 52, 53, and 58-62 are claims that are generic to both of the species identified by the Examiner and traverses the restriction with respect to this point. The Applicant further identifies Claims 35, 40-41, 43-51, 54, and 55 as claims directed towards Species I and Claims 36, 37, 56, and 57 as claims directed towards Species II.

By this paper, the Applicant believes that the Application is now in condition for allowance and requests the prompt allowance of the same. Should there be any impediment that hinders the prompt examination of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the number signed below.

Appl. No. : 09/403,800
Filed : February 22, 2000

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Respectfully submitted,

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